



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/500,018 Confirmation No.: 9040  
Applicant : Yoshiharu MINAMITAKE  
Filed : January 31, 2005  
Title : METHOD FOR PRODUCING A MODIFIED PEPTIDE  
TC/Art Unit : 1653  
Examiner: : Marsha M. TSAY  
Docket No. : 58778.000002  
Customer No. : 21967

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT, PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

Applicants provide the following Amendment and Reply to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including June 20, 2006. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for the three (3) month extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Applicants have separately filed a Notice of Appeal.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for the submission of this Response. However, in the event that the USPTO requires an additional fee to enter this Response or to maintain the present application pending, now or hereinafter, please charge such fee to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

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Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments in the subject application and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter in view of the following amendments and remarks. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4;

**Remarks** begin on page 11;

followed by the **Declaration by Yasuhiko Kinomura** (with Appendices A and B); and

**Exhibits 1-5.**